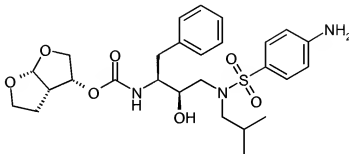


## AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

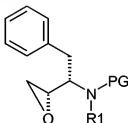
### Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing compound of formula (6),



~~or an~~ addition salts, ~~polymorphic and/or pseudopolymorphic forms thereof~~; comprising:

(i) introducing an isobutylamino group in compound of formula (1)



(1)

wherein

**PG** represents an amino-protecting group;

**R<sub>1</sub>** is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

(ii) introducing a p-nitrophenylsulfonyl group in the resultant compound of step (i);

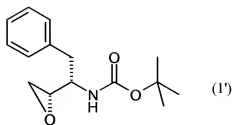
(iii) reducing the nitro moiety of the resultant compound of step (ii);

(iv) deprotecting the resultant compound of step (iii); and

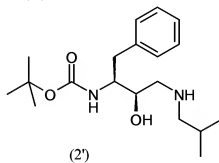
(v) coupling the resultant compound of step (iv) with a (3R,3aS,6aR)-hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-yl ~~derivative~~ derivate.

2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compound of formula (6), comprising the steps of:

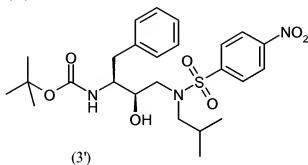
introducing an isobutylamino group in compound of formula (1');



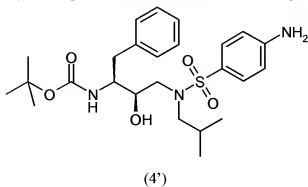
to obtain compound of formula (2');



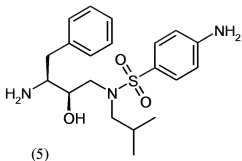
introducing a p-nitrophenylsulfonyl group into compound of formula (2') to obtain compound of formula (3');



reducing the nitro moiety of compound of formula (3') to obtain compound of formula (4');



deprotecting compound of formula (4') to obtain compound of formula (5)



coupling compound of formula (5) with (3R,3aS,6aR)-hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-yl ~~derivative~~ to obtain compound of formula (6).

3. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein step (i) is carried out in toluene.
4. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein step (ii) is carried out in toluene, ethylacetate, methylene chloride, dichloromethane, or tetrahydrofuran.
5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein step (iii) is carried out in the presence of up to 10 mol % primary or secondary amine, ~~preferably ethanolamine~~, with palladium on charcoal under a hydrogen atmosphere.
6. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein step (iv) is carried out in acidic or basic conditions.
7. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 2 wherein compound of formula (5) is crystallized by dissolving in a solvent system, adjusting the pH to a value higher than 9 and keeping the concentration of compound of formula (5) in solution in a value between 4% and 15% (w/w).
8. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 2 wherein compound of formula (5) is crystallized at a temperature between 0°C and 10°C.
9. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 7 wherein seed crystals of compound of formula (5) are added during crystallization.
10. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 7 wherein the solvent system comprises one or more water-miscible solvents and water.

11. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 7 wherein the solvent system comprises one or more water-immiscible solvents and water.
12. (Original) A process according to claim 10 wherein the solvent system is methanol, isopropanol, and water in a ratio 1:6.5:8 respectively.
13. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 2 wherein (3R,3aS,6aR)-hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-ol ~~or a precursor thereof~~ is reacted with bis-(4-nitrophenyl)carbonate before coupling to compound of formula (5).
14. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 2 wherein (3R,3aS,6aR)-hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-ol ~~or a precursor thereof~~ is reacted with diisuccinimidyl carbonate before coupling to compound of formula (5).
15. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 13 wherein the reaction of (3R,3aS,6aR)-hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-ol ~~or a precursor thereof~~ and the carbonic acid derivative is activated by an (amine-) base, ~~preferably triethylamine or pyridine~~.
16. (Currently Cancelled) Use of compound of formula (5), addition salts, polymorphic and/or pseudopolymorphic forms thereof for the preparation of compound of formula (6).
17. (Currently Cancelled) Use of compound of formula (5) according to claim 16, wherein compound of formula (5) is in the form of a free base.
18. (Currently Cancelled) Use of a compound according to claim 1 as an intermediate for preparing compound of formula (6).
19. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 2 wherein step (i) is carried out in toluene.
20. (New) The process according to claim 5 wherein the amine is ethanolamine.
21. (New) The process according to claim 15 wherein the (amine-) base is triethylamine or pyridine.